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TURKEYS RAISED DECREASE THIS YEAR

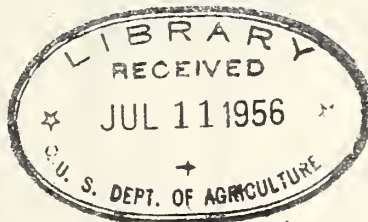
Farmers are raising 63,066,000 turkeys this year--4 percent less than in 1954, according to a preliminary estimate of the Crop Reporting Board. About the same number of heavy breed turkeys are being raised this year as last, while light breeds show a decrease of 15 percent. Light breeds are 26 percent of the total raised this year, compared with 29 percent in 1954.

Heavy breed increases from last year of 9 percent in the West North Central and 2 percent in the West offset decreases of 6 percent in the East North Central, 9 percent in the North Atlantic, and 12 percent in the South Atlantic States. There was no change in the South Central States.

Light breed turkeys raised this year show decreases in all parts of the country. Decreases from last year are 6 percent in the East North Central, 7 percent in the West, 8 percent in the South Atlantic, 20 percent in the South Central, 21 percent in the North Atlantic, and 28 percent in the West North Central States.

Last January farmers expressed their intentions to raise about the same number of heavy breed turkeys as in 1954 and 11 percent fewer light breed birds. This followed the record crop of turkeys in 1954 with the lowest August-December turkey prices since 1942. Although feed prices during the January-July 1955 hatching season averaged 4 percent lower than in 1954, the turkey-feed price relationship during this period was the lowest since 1937.

In this report light breed turkeys include Beltsville Small White, Jersey Buff, Royal Palm and Wild turkeys. Heavy breed turkeys include all other breeds.



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TURKEYS RAISED ON FARMS 1955, WITH COMPARISONS

State and Division	Number raised								
	Heavy breeds			Light breeds			Total all breeds		
	1954	1955	1955 % of 1954	1954	1955	1955 % of 1954	1954	1955	1955 % of 1954
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Maine	189	165	87	280	145	56	449	310	69
N. H.	139	114	82	9	6	67	148	120	81
Vt.	121	111	92	7	4	57	128	115	90
Mass.	622	571	92	62	45	73	684	616	90
R. I.	48	41	85	5	4	80	53	45	85
Conn.	309	276	89	31	23	74	340	299	88
N. Y.	880	793	90	62	55	89	942	848	90
N. J.	257	203	79	114	131	115	371	334	90
Pa.	1,614	1,525	94	670	553	83	2,284	2,078	91
N. Atl.	4,179	3,769	91	1,220	966	79	5,399	4,765	88
Ohio	2,040	2,021	99	920	850	92	2,960	2,871	97
Ind.	1,478	1,328	90	619	622	100	2,097	1,950	93
Ill.	831	843	101	95	64	67	926	907	98
Mich.	1,183	824	70	147	160	109	1,330	984	74
Wis.	1,223	1,330	109	560	506	90	1,783	1,836	103
E. N. Cent.	6,755	6,346	94	2,341	2,202	94	9,096	8,548	94
Minn.	4,232	5,270	125	3,476	2,669	77	7,708	7,939	103
Iowa	4,006	4,173	104	581	276	48	4,587	4,449	97
Mo.	1,742	1,745	100	747	520	70	2,489	2,265	91
N. Dak.	450	388	86	150	110	73	600	498	83
S. Dak.	385	338	88	53	50	60	438	388	88
Nebr.	767	766	100	101	76	75	868	842	97
Kans.	664	617	93	104	90	87	768	707	92
W. N. Cent.	12,246	13,297	109	5,242	3,791	72	17,488	17,088	98
Del.	176	104	59	1,101	867	79	1,277	971	76
Md.	304	232	76	404	334	83	708	566	80
Va.	1,881	1,843	98	3,282	3,423	104	5,163	5,266	102
W. Va.	558	454	81	1,129	946	84	1,687	1,400	83
N. C.	1,084	980	89	125	164	131	1,209	1,124	93
S. C.	944	835	88	440	245	56	1,384	1,080	78
Ga.	362	273	75	10	6	60	372	279	75
Fla.	154	117	76	41	31	76	195	148	76
S. Atl.	5,463	4,818	88	6,532	6,016	92	11,995	10,834	90
Ky.	276	259	97	114	70	61	390	339	87
Tenn.	150	125	83	30	15	50	180	140	78
Ala.	114	94	82	94	114	121	208	208	100
Miss.	83	97	117	32	15	47	115	112	97
Ark.	771	792	103	459	340	74	1,230	1,132	92
La.	90	54	71	22	7	32	112	71	63
Okla.	450	463	103	214	155	72	664	618	93
Texas	2,412	2,427	101	410	390	95	2,822	2,817	100
S. Cent.	4,346	4,331	100	1,375	1,106	80	5,721	5,437	95
Mont.	99	56	57	7	16	229	106	72	68
Idaho	155	125	81	25	21	84	180	146	81
Wyo.	37	9	24	3	6	200	40	15	38
Colo.	840	790	94	56	70	125	896	860	96
N. Mex.	47	38	81	11	10	91	58	48	83
Ariz.	93	89	96	5	3	60	98	92	94
Utah	1,935	2,028	105	484	730	151	2,419	2,758	114
Nev.	10	7	70	2	3	150	12	10	83
Wash.	710	708	100	170	75	44	880	783	89
Oreg.	1,238	1,276	103	321	236	74	1,559	1,512	97
Calif.	8,918	9,260	104	1,080	888	78	9,998	10,098	101
West	14,082	14,386	102	2,164	2,008	93	16,246	16,394	101
U. S.	47,071	46,977	100	18,874	16,089	85	65,945	63,066	96

